

LAND OWNERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION IN THE PLANNING AREA

The DFO is responsible for managing all public lands in Beaverhead and Madison Counties, with the exception of approximately 12,380 acres of public land in Beaverhead County along the Big Hole River managed by the Butte Field Office.

The Dillon RMP planning area includes varied and intermingled land surface ownerships and mineral ownerships as summarized on **Tables 1 and 2**.

Decisions in the RMP/EIS will apply to just over 900,000 acres of public land surface estate and 1.3 million acres of federal subsurface mineral estate. This includes:

- all surface estate administered by the BLM's Dillon Field Office
- federal mineral resources managed by the BLM beneath private or State surface estate
- federal mineral estate lying beneath lands administered by the Bureau of Reclamation
- federal mineral estate lying beneath lands administered by the Agricultural Research Service

The RMP/EIS will not make decisions for the surface or mineral estates of land administered by the BLM Butte Field Office or the USDA Forest Service, or for private or State-owned lands and minerals.

Table 1
Surface Ownership/Administration of Lands in Beaverhead and Madison Counties

<i>Ownership/Administration</i>	<i>Beaverhead County</i>		<i>Madison County</i>	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Percent*</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Percent*</i>
BLM Dillon Field Office	651,775	18%	249,451	11%
BLM Butte Field Office	12,380	<1%	0	0
U.S. Forest Service	1,374,051	39%	806,362	35%
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	39,231	1%	167	<1%
U.S. National Park Service	675	<1%	0	0
U.S. Agricultural Research Service	15,509	<1%	0	0
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation	4,749	<1%	0	0
State of Montana—FWP	28,845	<1%	24,841	1%
State of Montana—DNRC	324,902	9%	127,282	5%
Private	1,076,288	30%	1,086,690	47%
Other	16,755	<1%	8,707	<1%
GRAND TOTAL	3,545,160	100%	2,303,500	100%

*Percentages rounded to nearest one percent.

Table 2
Federal Minerals within the Dillon Field Office included in RMP Decisions

<i>Type of Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Beaverhead County</i>	<i>Madison County</i>	<i>Total Acres</i>
BLM Surface and Federal Minerals	644,036	249,740	893,776
Private and State Surface and Federal Minerals	276,535	167,605	444,140
BOR Surface and Federal Minerals	1,304	0	1,304
ARS Surface and Federal Minerals	15,490	0	15,490
GRAND TOTAL	937,365	417,345	1,354,710